

"I Love Hearts"

Baby Quilt Instructions by Kerrie Crandall

After paper piecing four quilt blocks, you are ready to start the construction of the baby quilt.

When sewing this quilt top make sure to use $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowances. After sewing each border make sure to press and trim.

1. Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch border of background fabric (white) to all four sides of each heart block. Make sure to press and trim!
2. Sew a $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch border to each side of each quilt block. (Use minkie for one of the $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch borders.) Now, sew a $3\frac{1}{4}$ inch border to the top and bottom of each block.
3. Sew two hearts quilt blocks together and sew the other two together. Put two blocks on top and two on bottom and sew them together. Take time to match up the seams.
4. Add a 3 inch white border on all four sides of the squares. Measure through the middle of the blocks to determine how long your border should be. Cut two and add them to the top and bottom of the quilt. The next two borders are the same. Make sure to measure through the center of the blocks and cut two the same size. There may be a little bit of easing involved or maybe taking in a seam a little, due to the stretchiness of the minkie fabric.
5. The last border is a combination of all the left over fabrics from the hearts and the background. Make $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of each color of fabric. Sew the strips together using $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam allowances. Cut 7- $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips of the six different fabrics.
6. Sew 3 of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ strips together; they should look like you just put 18- $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch different colored blocks together for your border. Add one or two extra blocks from the 7th strip and then sew to each side.
7. Make the binding using $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch strips.

* DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE THE PAPER*

Paper Piecing Instructions

1. Trim around paper pattern, leaving a little excess. The block will be trimmed down when the piecing is complete.
2. REMEMBER THESE STEPS: **Fold, Cut, Place, Sew, Press**
 1. Fold on dotted line.
 2. Trim edge and cut a piece for the next section of the block.
 3. Place piece properly on the pattern.
 4. Sew on the solid line.
 5. Flip and Press fabric open.
3. Pin fabric for piece #1 on the back of the marked side of the paper with the right side of the fabric facing out. Make sure the fabric is big enough to cover beyond the edge of the pattern piece (approx. 1/2 inch bigger on each side).
4. Trim around outside edges and inner edges leaving 1/2" seam allowance beyond the pattern piece line.
5. Fold along the 1/4 " seam line (dotted line) and place fabric for #1 and #2 edges together. Unfold paper and sew on the solid line. Piece #1 should be right side facing you, piece #2 should be right side facing away from you (right sides together).
6. Flip piece over and press open, trim as before leaving 1/2 " seam allowance around edges.
7. Add piece #3 and repeat Steps 3-6. Remember to flip and press before beginning step #3.
8. Add pieces #5-12.
9. Sew around edge of block, Trim around block. Join to border pieces or together, then take paper off.
10. Some people prefer to take paper off before joining to other pieces, others wait until blocks are set together in a quilt top.







